MoU between Railways and NTPC

455. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Memorandum of Understanding was signed in the year 2002 between Railways and NTPC for setting up of joint venture power projects; and

(b) if so, the status of the MoU?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) on 18.2.2002 for exploring the possibilities of setting up of Joint Venture Power Project(s). As per MoU, Project Committee of Railways and NTPC has been formed for preparation of techno-economic feasibility study report. The Committee is yet to submit its report and on the basis of the report, appropriate action will be taken.

Stoppage of trains in Gujarat

456. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from MPs and other organizations for providing stoppages/halts of various trains at the railway stations, particularly in Gujarat, during the last two years till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The representations received for stoppages are examined and those found feasible and justified are provided. During the last two years about 38 stoppages have been provided in the State of Gujarat.